

REMARKS

Claims 1-46 are currently pending.

Applicant respectfully requests an interview with the Examiner prior to issuing a first Office Action in response to this Request for Continued Examination. It is noted with appreciation that the Examiner provided detailed arguments in response to Applicant's previous response.

However, in response to the Examiner's arguments presented in paragraph 2, on page 2 of the Advisory Action, the Examiner relies upon column 4, lines 49-60 of the Miller patent as disclosing the feature of selecting an image output device on the basis of the location information acquired by the location information acquiring device. Column 4, lines 49-60 of the Miller patent disclose a set of rules that may be established to provide a message to a user or recipient. The cited passage does not provide a location information acquiring device for acquiring location information of said destination, a selecting device for selecting one of multiple image output devices on the basis of the location information inquired by said position inquiring device, and a notifying device that sends an email to send destination containing a notification of the image output device selected by said selecting device as recited in independent claim 1. In fact, the Examiner admits in the last sentence of paragraph 2 that Miller describes a method of locating the subscriber automatically via established rules, which is not the same as locating the user by a location information acquiring device.

Applicant's specification, at pages 18 and 19, with respect to the description of Figure 11, describes determining the location of a portable telephone 200 and presenting a suitable image output device to the user of the portable telephone 200.

There are no established rules limiting the output device to which the information can be delivered. In addition, page 20 of Applicant's specification describes a location table for determining a suitable image output device for outputting the information in the email to the user.

The system described in the Miller patent is limited to presenting the information in the email or outputting that information to a preset image output device that may be unsuitable at the time, because of the established rules. Therefore, the system disclosed in the Miller patent cannot present an image selecting device based on the location of the email destination.

With regard to the Examiner's response to Applicant's arguments for claim 14, the Examiner cites column 3, lines 33-38 of the Miller patent as disclosing the feature of transmitting to the certain destination both an email recipient notification and an email identifying multiple respective image output devices. The Examiner asserts that the subscriber disclosed in the Miller patent is able to specify the retrieval method based on the selections presented in the message. The cited passage of the Miller patent does not disclose an email identifying multiple perspective output devices. The Miller patent discloses a pre-established list shown in figure 4(n), from which the subscriber selects how to receive the message, which can be by voice/fax 162, short message 161 or email 163. These choices are pre-established on a subscriber's device. For instance, if the subscriber desires to use a fax machine as the image output device, he or she must input the number of the fax machine as shown in Figure 4(b) of the Miller patent. Accordingly, the subscriber does not receive an email identifying multiple respective image output devices as recited in claims 14 and 31. Therefore, claims 14 and 31 are allowable.

Applicant's argument that Theimer does not acquire data that indicates an image output device selected on the basis of the detected location as recited in claim 32 has not been addressed. Therefore, Applicant's respectfully submit that claim 32 is allowable because Theimer does not disclose or suggest an image output device selected on the basis of the location detected by the detecting device.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the above-captioned application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below to schedule an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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